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### **PRESIDENT'S LECTURE FEATURES SOCIAL ACTIVIST, AUTHOR**

#### **MISSOULA —**

Social activist and author Angela Davis, formerly on the FBI's Most Wanted List, will give the next installment of the President's Lecture Series at The University of Montana.

Davis will present her free lecture, "Martin Luther King Jr. and the Activist Continuum," at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29, in the University Theatre. Her talk is sponsored by UM in conjunction with the University's Martin Luther King Jr. Committee.

Earlier in the day, Davis will present a faculty seminar titled "The Contemporary Relevance of Herbert Marcuse" from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m. in Gallagher Building Room 123.

Davis now is a tenured professor with the History of Consciousness Department at the University of California, Santa Cruz, but in the '60s she was a member of the Communist Party and the Black Panthers. In 1970 she became only the third woman in history to be named to the FBI's Most Wanted List after she was charged with conspiracy to free a fellow activist with a bloody shootout in front of a California courthouse.

The FBI also asserted Davis armed prisoners in the Marin County courthouse with guns that were registered in her name. After the warrant was issued for her arrest, Davis spent two

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weeks evading police. During this time, signs went up in homes and businesses proclaiming "Angela, sister, you are welcome in this house." Davis was finally apprehended and spent 16 months behind bars, until her subsequent acquittal on all charges.

Davis has written numerous works, including "If They Come in the Morning: Voices of Resistance," in which she details her belief in Communist theory and thoughts on racial oppression in the United States, and "Angela Davis: An Autobiography," which recounts her experiences in the '60s and '70s. Her book "Women, Race and Class" was an instant classic when published in 1981, becoming a text for many classes on sexism, racism and classism.

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